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CONCORDIA HOSTS 19TH ANNUAL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

The finest in women's university basketball comes to Concordia this weekend when the Stingers host the 19th Annual Concordia Classic. Eight teams will vie for the title including the defending national champion Laurentian Vees.

Action gets underway Friday at 2 p.m. when Concordia meets the St. Mary's Huskies. Although in the midst of a rebuilding year, head coach Louisa Zerbe feels the Stingers have the necessary ingredients to make the league playoffs. The Stingers are led by two former John Abbott standouts. Forward Cathy Millar, the team's leading scorer to date, and point guard Sylvia Corbett will be key factors for the Stingers this season.

The Concordia-St. Mary's game will be followed by the Winnipeg-Ryerson contest at 4 p.m. The Winnipeg Lady Wesmen are coming off a championship performance at the Laval Rouge et Or tournament and are led by All-Canadian Tanya MacKenzie, while the Rams' lineup features one of the most exciting players in the country in Susan Davidson.

The powerful Laurentian Vees battle the UPEI Lady Panthers at 6 p.m. Laurentian has 11 returnees from last year's championship squad, including four members of the National Team Programme.

The McGill Martlets and the York Yeowomen round out the first day's action at 8 p.m. McGill is led by two-time All-Canadian Tina Fasone and another former John Abbott star, Tracey Hayman.

Saturday's action begins with a new wrinkle - an Alumni All-Star Game at 12 noon. Tournament action resumes with the consolation semi-finals at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., followed by the championship semi-finals at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The Classic wraps up Sunday with the championship slated for 3 p.m. The third place game will be played at 1 p.m. preceded by consolation games at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.